(a) what are the names of the airports in Madhya Pradesh where renovation work is going on at present alongwith the amount to be spent on each airport for renovation;

(b) whether any plan to improve the standard of the Bhopal Airport is under consideration of Government as Bhopal is the Capital of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Airports Authority of India has taken up renovation/improvement of the following airports in Madhya Pradesh as per details given below:—

Name of Airport Amount to be spent on improvement

	(Rs. in crores)
Bhopal	738
Raipur	15.47
Indore	20.06
Jabalpur	15.25
Gwalior	0.85

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Extension/ Modification of Terminal Building and Resurfacing of runway and associated pavements have been taken up.

Cases in Settlement Commission for Direct Taxes

954. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases received by the Settlement Commission for Direct Taxes during the last three years,

(b) the number of cases pending before Settlement Commission and how many of them are pending for over three years; and

(c) the number of cases that have been disposed of by the Commission during the last three years and the total relief given to the assessees during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The number of cases received by the Settlement Commission during the last three years is as under:

Years	No. of cases
1993-94	730
1994-95	570
1995-96	556

(b) There were 2404 cases pending with the Settlement Commission as on 1.4.96, out of which 871 cases are bending for more than 3 years.

(c) The number of cases disposed by he Settlement Commission during the ast three years is as under:

Years	No. of cases
1993-94	455
1994-95	509
1995-96	583

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The Settlement Commission is a high powered quasi judicial body constituted under the Income-tax/Wealth tax Act for Settlement of cases, involving complex investigations, after an opportunity of being heard to the applicant and the Department. While an applicant before the Commission, who makes full and true disclosure of his income/wealth may be granted immunity for prosecution and from imposition of penalty, the Settlement Commission is not an Appellate Authority. Hence the question of granting any monetary relief to the assessees does not arise.

Non-Utilisation of amount provided for Rural Electrification

955. SHRI MOHINDAR SlNGH KALYAN. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleasd to State

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount provided for rural electrification has not

been fully utilised in Bihar, Rajasthan and other backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Plan allocations and actual disbursement for rural electrification under Rural Electrification Programme under Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) financed schemes for Bihar and Rajasthan during the last four years are as under:

Year	Bihar		Rajasthan	
	Allo-cation	Disbur-sement	Allo - cation	Disbur-sement
1992-93	12.95	3.77	52.50	58.04
1993-94	9.25	2.89	61.00	72.21
1994-95	4.75	5.88	64.93	77.04
1995-96	16.00	0.00	72.20	70.65

As regards other backward districts of the country, the Plan allocations are approved for State as a whole and not for specific districts of the State.

While Rajasthan has by and large been able to utilise/over utilise the allocated funds. Bihar has not been able to do so due to financial constraints and its inability to repay heavy outstanding dues of REC.

(c) REC is continuously persuading the State Government/State Electricity Board to furnish satisfactory repayment plan so that the rural electrification programme in the State could be accelerated. The recovery of dues 956. DR D MASTHEN:rough Central appropriation has also been adopted from time to time.

Maintenance of Tourist Centres

956. DR D MASTHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some of the important tourist attraction centres are not maintained properly as a result of which most of the important structures are in deteriorating conditions; and

(b) if so, what steps would be taken to maintain the tourist attraction centres in a good condition?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The maintenance of tourist attraction centres are primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Governments and central assistance is provided for the development of tourism infrastructure and product improvement on receipt of specific proposals from the State/U.T. Governments.

Government of India also provides financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for the refurbishment of monuments, including landscaping the area around them.